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In re application of David ALEXANDER et al.

Serial No.: 09/237,969 Examiner: John L. Sotomayor

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For: INTERFACE DEVICE AND METHOD FOR INTERFACING INSTRUMENTS TO MEDICAL PROCEDURE SIMULATION SYSTEMS

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Applicants submit this request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 for the above-identified application.

[x] Please consider the following submission(s) required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:

- [] Reply and Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on
- [] The arguments in the Appeal Brief and/or Reply Brief previously filed on
- [x] The enclosed Reply and Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 3, 2003
- [x] Information Disclosure Statement Transmittal, Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/08 with copies of (45) cited references provided on CD
- [x] Petition for Extension of Time
- [] Other:

[x] Also enclosed is:

- [x] Return receipt postcard
- [x] A filing fee in the amount of $1,610.00 as calculated below is included in the attached check.
- [] An Assertion of Entitlement to Small Entity Status was submitted previously.
- [] Other: .

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[x] The fee for the request for continued examination is calculated below [x] and in accordance with the enclosed amendment:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	27	- = 89	0	x $18.00	$0.00
Independent Claims	9	- = 16	0	x $86.00	$0.00
Multiple dependent claims not previously presented, add $290.00					
Total Amendment Fee					$0.00
Continued Examination Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) of $770.00					$770.00
If small entity status is applicable, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee and Continued Examination Fee					
Other fees: Extension of Time Fee					$840.00
TOTAL FEE DUE					$770.00

[x] A check for the total fee is attached.

[] Please charge $ to Deposit Account No. 50-1283 for the total fee. This paper is being submitted in duplicate.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2003, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants do not believe that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. If additional extensions of time are necessary, however, to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

Amendments to the Claims appear in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.